



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

- WHEREAS: America's system of public lands includes parks, unique landscapes, forests, wildlife refuges, historic trails, natural streams and wetlands, nature centers, gardens, and other areas that individually and collectively represent irreplaceable national resources; and
- WHEREAS: Public lands provide locally accessible natural and cultural resources for environmental learning, wildlife appreciation, and recreation; and
- WHEREAS: Public lands promote civic ideals including shared stewardship and recognition of public ownership, and require the goodwill, cooperation, and active support of citizens, community, city and state officials, business leaders, children, and adults; and
- WHEREAS: Recreation opportunities offered by public lands help families and individuals lead more active lifestyles, while also reducing the incidence of childhood obesity; and
- WHEREAS: Land conservation efforts improve access to public lands for urban residents and break down barriers that may prevent individuals from utilizing public lands in their respective communities; and
- WHEREAS: Collaboration among state residents, land managers, and community leaders helps to improve the condition of publicly held lands for the greater enjoyment of all Americans; and
- WHEREAS: National Public Lands Day is the largest single-day volunteer event for public lands and is coordinated by the National Environmental Education Foundation in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management, the Department of Defense, the Environmental Protection Agency, the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Forest Service; and
- WHEREAS: This year's signature Georgia event is the Great Lake Allatoona Cleanup, scheduled for Saturday, October 6, in Cartersville, where more than 3,500 Georgians are expected to help clean up over 30 sites around the lake; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 22, 2018, as NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 24th day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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